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49/23. Emergency international assistance for a solution to the problem of refugees, the restoration of total peace, reconstruction and socio-economic development in war-stricken Rwanda

The General Assembly,

Recalling Security Council resolution 872 (1993) of 5 October 1993, in which the Council urged Member States, United Nations specialized agencies and non-governmental organizations to provide and intensify their economic, financial and humanitarian assistance in favour of the Rwandese population and of the democratization process in Rwanda,

Recalling also its resolution 48/211 of 21 December 1993, entitled "Emergency assistance for the socio-economic rehabilitation of Rwanda",

Taking note of the report of the Secretary-General of 3 August 1994 on Rwanda 1/ and of the statement by the President of the Security Council of 10 August 1994 2/ in connection with the Council's consideration of the item entitled "The situation concerning Rwanda",

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1/ S/1994/924.

2/ S/PRST/1994/42.

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General of 14 October 1994 on emergency assistance for the socio-economic rehabilitation of Rwanda, 3/

Taking into consideration the serious consequences of genocide and of the destruction of the economic, social, educational and administrative infrastructure,

Expressing its grave concern over the disastrous humanitarian situation of the Rwandese population, including 2 million refugees and displaced persons who must be reintegrated into society and employment,

Recognizing that, as a result of successive episodes in the conflict, several categories of refugees are involved,

Considering the diversity of the victims of the conflict, namely, the refugees, the many orphans, the widowers and widows, the disabled, the young people in need of schooling and other casualities of the situation,

Emphasizing the need to consider the crisis in Rwanda in a regional context, in view of its implications for the countries of the region, in implementing the plan of action recommended by the Government of Rwanda, the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees and the Organization of African Unity within the framework of the Peace Agreement between the Government of the Rwandese Republic and the Rwandese Patriotic Front, 4/ signed at Arusha, United Republic of Tanzania, on 4 August 1993,

Taking into account the fact that, because of the total collapse of the national economy, the lack of human and technical resources and the financial disaster in Rwanda, emergency assistance, rehabilitation and reconstruction are essential for the economic recovery and development of the country,

Recognizing that the Arusha Peace Agreement provides an appropriate framework for national reconciliation,

Expressing its gratitude to those States and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations which have responded positively and continue to respond positively to the humanitarian needs of Rwanda, and to the Secretary-General, who has mobilized and coordinated the distribution of humanitarian assistance,

1. Encourages the Government of Rwanda to pursue its efforts with a view to creating conditions which would be conducive to the return of the refugees to their country and their resettlement and to the recovery by displaced persons of their property in peace, security and dignity;

2. Congratulates the Secretary-General on the efforts he has made to draw the attention of the international community to the humanitarian crisis which Rwanda is undergoing;

3/ A/49/516.

4/ A/48/824-S/26915, annexes I-VII.

3. Urges all States, United Nations organizations, specialized agencies and other intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and the international financial and development institutions to provide all possible financial, technical and material assistance with a view to facilitating the restoration of basic services, rehabilitating the economy and ensuring the reconstruction of the social and economic infrastructure of Rwanda and the return and resettlement of refugees and internally displaced persons in Rwanda;

4. Invites all States, United Nations organizations and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations to provide emergency assistance to facilitate the reintegration of refugees and displaced persons into society and the completion of the democratic process with a view to the restoration of a lasting peace in Rwanda;

5. Urges all States, in particular the donor countries, to contribute generously to the trust fund established by the Secretary-General on 14 July 1994 to finance humanitarian relief and rehabilitation programmes to be implemented in Rwanda;

6. Invites all States and the international financial institutions to respond to the financial needs of Rwanda in order to permit it to ensure the restoration and normal functioning of State institutions;

7. Requests the Government of Rwanda and the other partners concerned (the Organization of African Unity and the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees), including the States of the subregion, to meet without delay to consider the problems relating to Rwandese refugees at a subregional conference within the framework of the plan of action adopted under the Arusha Peace Agreement;

8. Requests the Secretary-General to provide all possible assistance to support the strengthening of total peace in Rwanda and to submit to the General Assembly at its fiftieth session a report on the implementation of the present resolution;

9. Decides to consider at its fiftieth session the item entitled "Emergency international assistance for a solution to the problem of refugees, the restoration of total peace, reconstruction and socio-economic development in war-stricken Rwanda".

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